

Turn the Silver Edge.
How dark are the clouds over life's path
And difficult it is to see
And dark the future seems
And every cloud there must be
At times these dark clouds will overwhelm us
We can not escape from their gloom,
And many in despair madmen
Have been known to die.
And going about with long faces
And looks that betoken despair
Many have been known to die.
Which may be so wondrously fair.
For though heavy clouds cast their shadows
Over the sunniest day
And darkness must befall
And night precedes every day.
Tut the clouds that seem to blot out
For those who are true to their duty.

PUT TO THE TEST.

A very merry and well-attended party, consisting chiefly of young people of both sexes, was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lillian, on Monday evening last. The party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Lillian, who were assisted by their friends. The evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner, and the party was a great success.

Before he went away Harry had not breathed a single word of the matter to Lillian. He thought her too young to be spoken to in regard to a matter that so intimately concerned her welfare; and as for starting a courtship by means of letter-writing when he was so far away from her, he had too much sense for that.

"Too late!" were the words that were uttered by Lillian as she thought immediately after his return to his home, to learn that Lillian was already engaged to a young man who had been one of the guests at the party, although for some reason, they had always been rivals rather than friends.

But, of course, it was impossible for Lillian to have known, or even suspected, anything of the kind. She had been so fondly and deeply cherished, had been guarded with the utmost care, and by no word or breath had her disappointment been alluded to.

"We are making up a skating party, to-day. Will you and Graham go?" "The invitation was given by half-a-dozen young men, among them George Bertram."

"I don't think it safe to go on the ice to-day," was Graham's firm and quiet reply. "I hope you are not going to take any more of your life."

"Indeed we are!" was their gay and careless answer. "One for each of us, and we will find our way for you."

An hour later, a skating party rushed down on the ice, and were soon whirling and pirouetting in every direction. Lillian, who was standing near the bank of the river, observing their performances with deep interest, and with some admiration and concern.

He knew there had been heavy rains up the river, and he had observed a gradual swell of the water, and he believed it was liable to break suddenly at any moment, and with little or no warning.

"I wish I had come home a year ago," he mused; "I am sure I could have wooed and won Lillian; and I know she would have loved me more than she will ever love George Bertram."

And yet on these emotions and thoughts the young man imposed a firm restraint, and inwardly resolved that by no word, look or sign would he ever betray his feelings, or by permitting her to discover or have reason to suspect that he had ever felt for her any special or personal affection.

Wild and frenzied screams were ringing in his ear, and in quick and rapid succession, nearer and nearer, came a terrific rumbling, and roaring as if a thousand pieces of artillery were being simultaneously discharged.

The river had broken up in a most appalling manner, and the water was rapidly descending. Already the very surface upon which the skaters were standing, was before his eyes rapidly descending.

Instantly snatching a book-book that he had been carrying, he rushed to the shore, and he saw that the water was rapidly descending. He saw that the water was rapidly descending.

On a single piece of ice, broken and separated, and moving rapidly down the now rushing current, stood the form of that one whose gay and happy movements he had been watching. He saw that the water was rapidly descending.

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no longer any interest to me. I have often heard you boast of your bravery and of the wonderful things you have done, but when I saw you rush for the shore at the first indication of danger, and of the preservation of your own precious life was the only thing that inspired you, a broad grin suddenly appeared between you and me, and made up my mind right then and there, that whether I lived or died you should never be my husband. That is all."

"Mr. Graham," said the discarded lover, "has made himself very interesting to you."

"Mr. Graham," said Lillian, "has never, either to you or any other time, uttered a word implying that he felt any special or personal affection for me. Unless such an interest as he has manifested in saving my life at the risk of his own, as you would have done had you not come over for yourself that day for anyone else."

The rumor that Miss Ashton had been engaged to George Bertram, a skating adventure, soon spread through the town, and on the third day was openly spoken of by her father, when she was only sixteen years of age, and preparations for the proposed marriage.

Under those circumstances Harry felt at liberty to call at the Towers, and had the satisfaction of knowing that his visit was neither too soon nor too late.

No allusion was made, either then or for several weeks afterwards, to the engagement which had been so suddenly terminated; but his visits were continued, and before the end of three months Harry had become a frequent visitor at the Towers, and the accepted lover of Miss Ashton.

The wedding day was approaching, and the circumstances were so favorable to that state of mind into which men about to be married occasionally fall, that Harry, who was a very thoughtful and affectionate young man, could think of little or nothing else.

"The hope," said Harry, "that I would some day be my wife has been the guiding star of my life." Lillian heard the declaration with deep interest, and she saw that her husband was not a man who would be easily deceived.

"I have heard," said Harry, "that the goddesses are saying, and will say, that I discarded George Bertram with the hope of getting you, and that you are no truth in that charge. My gratitude for the noble impulse that prompted you to imperil your own life to save mine, is deeply and gratefully manifested in a very poor way if it had led me to discard a worthy man whom I loved and loved still more."

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with equal force to every animal thing in nature. It is quite easy to arrange an isolated building so that every room may be flooded with sunlight, and the building may be made so possible that many town houses could be so built as to admit more light than they now receive.

A Spider Story.
I observed a very curious thing one day in the meadows. A strong wind was blowing from the west, the air was very cool, and the chimney sweeps were unusually busy about and above my head. There was quite a crowd of them, they came down in a body with the wind, apparently feeding on something too small for me to see. After watching them for some time, the company of birds and bees passed by, I raised my gun and shot one of them, and on opening his mouth I found it to be full of small spiders.

But how could spiders, being wingless fly through the air in the manner in which they were flying? I looked more closely at them and soon found out. By grasping tightly a spider of the species I had just shot, I could see small black bodies drift by now and then, with a long, slender, glistening filament stretched tremulously in the air. These bodies were spiders with their legs closely wound around them, and they were flying by the aid of the weight of the fine aeroplanes made of spider web.

I could see the spider crawl to the top of a tall spire of grass, and sending out a long filament, and then, as if by magic, it would do its work, and then feeling the tug and pull of it until his small body was lifted into the air, and then it would let it go, and it would fly away.

The Price of Liechtenstein has placed his domain and his royal castle in Austria at the disposal of Pope Leo XIII. The Pope has accepted the offer, and the Pope has accepted the offer.

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Shaving Fishermen.
The German fishermen in the Baltic, who make a habit of shaving their heads, have had a narrow escape from starvation, owing to an imperial fishing law recently passed prohibiting fishing on the coast of the Baltic.

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